

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCILFINAL REPORT: PROJECT #491-89-1020WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BIBLIOGRAPHYSummary

This one-year project, completed with a relatively small budget, one part-time indexer (coordinator) and one part-time data entry person, has been highly successful. A high quality work was produced and quantitative goals set by the project Advisory Group (Appendix 4) were exceeded by over 100%.

By completion of the project in March 1991, the WERC-SSHRC project had been able to:

- produce full bibliographic listing of WERC's file holdings on reproductive health, entitled "REPRODUCTION: A GUIDE TO MATERIALS IN THE WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE, OISE." (See cover Appendix 1)
- create a Micro-CDS-Isis database containing over 3,500 records, retrievable from a wide variety of access points, including author, title, subjects, dates, geography, format, etc.
- produce a detailed 200 page WERC Indexing and Data Entry Procedures Manual (See cover Appendix 2)
- discuss and demonstrate the procedures used in the production of this research tool to various interested organizations, including:

Planned Parenthood of Toronto
Canadian Planned Parenthood Federation
Ryerson Polytechnical Institute Library
Toronto Micro-CDS-Isis Users Group
Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University
of Toronto
New College Library, University of Toronto
OISE Library
Canadian Council for Learning Opportunities for
Women (CCLOW)

- hold several training sessions for staff and volunteers of the Women's Educational Resource Centre (WERC)
- provide training for three community college placements

- expand the "Canadian Feminist Thesaurus" by producing a supplementary listing focusing on the new reproductive technologies (Appendix 3)
- create a basic numerical scheme for organizing the section of the library relating to Reproduction
- fulfill individual and organizational requests for bibliographical searches and subject-specific listings

Production of the Bibliography

The major activity of this project was the indexing of WERC materials on Reproduction in order to produce a camera-ready manuscript of the bibliographical work known as "Reproduction: a guide to materials in the Women's Educational Resource Centre (OISE)". In addition to the main listing, this work contains author, title and subject indexes, and a supplementary list of reproductive health terminology (Appendix 3: Supplementary Terminology on New Reproductive Technologies) to be used in conjunction with the "Canadian Feminist Thesaurus".

Subjects covered in this work include:

- Abortion
- Reproductive rights
- Surrogacy
- Teenage pregnancy
- Birth control
- Reproductive technologies
- Reproductive health
- Midwifery
- Family planning
- Genetic engineering
- Childbirth and pregnancy
- Fertility and infertility
- Fetal rights
- Sex education

Activities of the Project

1. Organization of office space.
2. Acquisition of computer and software.
3. Set up of Micro-CDS-Isis database.
4. Formation of Project Advisory Committee (See attached Appendix 4). Facilitation of Committee activities and meetings.
5. Analysis of the WERC file collection on Reproduction

6. Hiring of HealthSearch consultant for initial assistance with indexing and definition of terminology.
7. Analysis of existing subject terminology and comparison with terms found in the "Canadian Feminist Thesaurus (CFT)".
8. Production of terminology to fill gaps found in the CFT - notably in the area of the new reproductive technologies (Appendix 3)
9. Verification of new terms. Margrit Eichler (OISE) and Louise Vandelac (UQAM) both provided feedback for this process.
10. Creation of manual indexing worksheet (Appendix 5)
11. Definition of indexing and data entry procedures.
12. Production of indexing and data entry manual, with authority list appendices.
13. Preindexing. This process, which involves completion of all fields on the Indexing Worksheet, except the subject descriptor fields. This phase proved to be appropriate for the participation of three community college placements and a volunteer.
14. Indexing.
15. Hiring of part-time data entry staff.
16. Data entry.
17. Printing using a special "proofing mode" which displays the software coding not shown in the final work.
18. Proofing. Members of the Advisory Committee participated in this phase.
19. Corrections to entries in database.
20. The proofing/printing/correction process was repeated until no further errors were found.
21. Training sessions for WERC staff and volunteers.
22. Demonstrations to individuals and organizations.
23. Bibliographical searches, e.g. a search was performed to retrieve references to sanitary napkins and tampons for a book shortly to be published.
24. Development of more inclusive final format for bibliography.

25. Redefinition of database, revision to make more fields searchable, e.g. Source periodical, and to include additional fields for collection area and future classification numbers.
26. Design and production of covers for:
 - a. Bibliography
 - b. Procedures manual
27. Data manipulation and sorting.
28. Production of WordPerfect files.
29. Use of lazer printer to produce camera-ready manuscript.
30. Production of limited in-house print run. OISE Press, which has expressed an interest in publishing this work, will review the final manuscript in April 1991.

Difficulties Encountered During the Project

The first task of the Advisory Group (Appendix 4) was to re-assess the original proposal. Reduced funding meant that the original goals as outlined in the proposal were no longer attainable. This was a very useful exercise, resulting in a clear analysis of staff time available, the setting of specific realistic goals and the definition of priorities for the project year.

A fair degree of compromise had to be achieved to balance the needs of the project to remove WERC materials from the library for indexing, and the needs of WERC staff to have the materials available for use by patrons in the Library.

Minor technical problems were found in the database on three occasions. To avoid future problems, approximately 300 records in three unstable disk sectors had to be re-entered.

In the final stages of the project, data input fell behind schedule. Staff from WERC and the Canadian Women's Indexing Group assisted in the final input.

Conclusion

The production of this work and the availability of its companion database considerably enhances the ability of the Women's Educational Resources Centre (WERC) to provide access to its unique collection of file and periodical materials on Reproduction. (For an excellent summary, see attached Appendix 6, which will be published as the Introduction to the final work.)

During the project, over 3,500 items were fully indexed, exceeding the original goals by over 100%.

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REPRODUCTION:

a guide to materials in the Women's Educational Resources Centre (WERC)

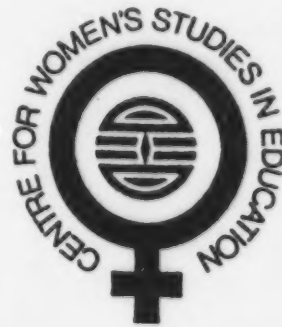


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WERC DATABASE

PROCEDURES MANUAL



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NEW REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES: SUPPLEMENTARY TERMINOLOGY LIST

To be used in conjunction with
THE CANADIAN FEMINIST THESAURUS
 (OISE Press, 1990)

ABORTION PILL
 ADOPTIVE PARENTS
 AGE FACTORS
 aic USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION COMBINED
 aid USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WITH DONOR
 aih USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WITH HUSBAND'S SEMEN
 aim USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION MIXED
 alternative insemination
 USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
 [NB not as in CFT]
 ANEMIA
 ANESTHETIC
 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
 [NB not as in CFT]
 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION COMBINED
 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION MIXED
 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WITH DONOR
 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WITH HUSBAND'S SEMEN
 biological fathers
 USE GENETIC FATHERS
 biological mothers
 USE GENETIC MOTHERS
 BIOTECHNOLOGY
 birth spacing
 USE FAMILY PLANNING
 BLASTEMES
 cai USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION COMBINED
 CERVIX
 chorionic biopsy
 USE CHORIONIC VILLI SAMPLING
 CHORIONIC VILLI SAMPLING
 chromosomes
 USE DNA
 CLINICAL TRIALS
 CLITORIS

contraceptive implants
 USE SUBCUTANEOUS CONTRACEPTIVES
contract mothers
 USE SURROGATE MOTHERS
CRYOPRESERVATION

donor insemination
 USE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WITH
 DONOR

DONORS
DRUG INTERACTIONS
Eclampsia

 USE DISEASES
ECTOGENESIS

efm
 USE FETAL MONITORING

EGG DONORS
EGGS

EJACULATION
EMBRYO REDUCTION
EMBRYO REPLACEMENT
EMBRYO TRANSFER DONORS
EMBRYOS

EMBRYOLOGY
EPISIOTOMY

ERECTION
FALLOPIAN TUBES

FATHER'S RIGHTS
FEMALE INFERTILITY

fertility clinics
 USE INFERTILITY CLINICS

FERTILIZATION
FETAL DIAGNOSIS

fetal surgery
 USE FETAL TREATMENTS

FETAL TISSUE
FETAL TREATMENTS

frozen embryos
 USE CRYOPRESERVATION

GAMETOGENESIS
GENE THERAPY

genes
 USE DNA

GENETIC COUNSELLING
genetic data banks

 USE GENETIC ENGINEERING
GENETIC ENGINEERING

GENETIC FATHERS
genetic mapping

 USE GENETIC ENGINEERING
GENETIC MOTHERS

GENETIC SCREENING

gestational mothers (in surrogate situation)

USE SURROGATE MOTHERS

gynocide

USE ABORTION

hcg

USE HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPHIN

HEART ATTACKS

HORMONAL IMPLANTS

HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPHIN

IMPLANTATION

IMPOTENCE

indigenous peoples

USE NATIVE PEOPLES

INFERTILITY CLINICS

INTERCOURSE

inuit

USE NATIVE PEOPLES

ivf

USE IN VITRO FERTILIZATION

MALE INFERTILITY

MATERNAL ROLE

medical negligence

USE MALPRACTICE

MEDICAL RESEARCH

MENSTRUAL EXTRACTION

MOTHER'S RIGHTS

MULTIPLE BIRTHS

neonates

USE INFANTS

Norplant

USE SUBCUTANEOUS CONTRACEPTIVES

ova

USE EGGS

ovum transfer

USE EMBRYO TRANSFER

ovum transfer donors

USE EMBRYO TRANSFER DONORS

parturition

USE CHILDBIRTH

PATENTS

PREGNANCY TESTS

PREMATURE BIRTHS

PREMATURE EJACULATION

prenatal diagnosis

USE FETAL DIAGNOSIS

RECIPIENTS

REPRODUCTIVE LIFE SPAN

RETROGRADE EJACULATION

RISK FACTORS

ru486

USE ABORTION PILL

SANITARY NAPKINS
self abortion
 USE INDUCED ABORTION
sex predetermination
 USE SEX DETERMINATION
SEX PREFERENCE
sickle cell anemia
 USE ANEMIA
SKIN
SOCIAL MOTHERS
Somatic cell modification
 USE GENETIC ENGINEERING
SPERM
STATE APPREHENSION
STILLBIRTH
SUBCUTANEOUS CONTRACEPTIVES
SURROGACY
SURROGACY CONTRACTS
TESTES
TRANSPLANT

uterine mothers
 USE SURROGATE MOTHERS
VACCINES
vdt's
 USE VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINALS
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS
ZYGOTES

APPENDIX 4

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WERC DATA ENTRY WORKSHEET

*Author/Main Responsibility (15-R) _____

Affiliation (20) _____

*TITLE (25) _____

*DOCUMENT TYPE (80) _____ Collation/Characteristics (45) _____

*Item Reviewed (27) _____

Source Author/Responsibility (65-R) _____

Source Periodical/Monograph (60) _____

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Introduction

The Women's Educational Resources Centre (WERC) at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education is a gold mine for feminist researchers. WERC was established in 1976 to make available a collection of women's studies materials to students, scholars, researchers and educators in the community at large. Because of its close ties in the ensuing years with all aspects of the women's movement in Canada and the involvement of Canadian women in the international women's movement, its holdings include a rich and unparalleled collection of primary and secondary source materials documenting the changing role of women in society, the impact of women's issues on the educational system and the workplace, and the growth of women's studies as an academic discipline.

The collection includes 40,000 to 50,000 vertical file items, many unpublished or produced by small presses. Bibliographical control for this type of literature is a familiar problem for librarians, and in this instance, the rapid growth of the collection has resulted in unrefined subject access for users. The value of such material in doing research in the area of Canadian women's studies has been recognized by its inclusion in Canadian and American bibliographies in the field, as well as by researchers and scholars from around the globe who use the Centre.

References to these rare and valuable resource materials, unavailable elsewhere, form the basis for a substantial portion of this bibliography. This listing represents the initial phase of a long-term plan to index the entire vertical file portion of the WERC collection and broaden access to these unique resources.

This extensive bibliography provides direct and fast access to over 3,500 WERC file items, books and periodical articles, few of which have been previously catalogued or indexed. In addition to this bibliography, direct on-line access to the WERC database is available, for searches by author, title, subject, date, document type and geographic area. Simple numerical box codes make it possible to retrieve the items in the WERC Library.

All items have been indexed using terminology from "The Canadian Feminist Thesaurus" produced by the Canadian Women's Indexing Group (CWIG), together with the specially developed supplementary "New Reproductive Technologies Terms List".

Issues of reproductive health are central to women's well-being and their importance to the work of community activists and in the field of feminist scholarship is acknowledged by this focus. This bibliography will facilitate greater co-ordination between these two wings of the women's movement. Unpublished documents in unconventional formats are included for the first time, providing

researchers with direct access to grass-roots writings and activism on reproductive health issues.

This guide is particularly welcome given recent developments in the new reproductive technologies. The existence of a Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies will, it is hoped, act as a catalyst for research in this burgeoning field. Canadian feminists, faced with a new context for reproductive health issues, need to understand the implications of these new dilemmas and new choices for women. In order to fully understand these new conditions and their consequences we need access to our history: What is fundamentally new about these developments? What are extensions of older trends and technologies? Do our philosophies and political strategies evolved in an earlier period still apply? Reflections on these questions will be deepened by more comprehensive access to materials on reproductive health issues.

International in scope, this wide-ranging work covers many topics, including sex education, abortion, reproductive rights, family planning, childbirth, maternal mortality, birth control, surrogacy, teenage pregnancy, reproductive technologies, midwifery, genetic engineering, childbirth, pregnancy, infertility, and fetal rights. This bibliography, covering one specific area of materials in the WERC collection is an invaluable resource for researchers interested in these and other questions on reproductive health.

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